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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

W. B. Wight from North Norway was in town, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durell were in Portland, Saturday.

Miss Mae Bennett of Paris is a guest of Miss L. M. Stearns.

Miss Mabel Bailey from Newry Corner was in town, Friday.

Leslie Hart from Wilson's Mills was in Bethel, Saturday, on business.

Rev. Mr. Curtis attended the funeral of Mr. Orlando Cross in Albany last Saturday.

Mr. Frank Brown is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. V. Chapman, at Mechanic Falls.

Mr. Austin Stearns of Paris was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park one day last week.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young spent the week end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffin at Gilead.

Mr. J. W. Gordon of Boston was in Bethel last week upon a business trip, and called upon his cousin, Mr. F. S. Chandler.

Mrs. Henry Chesley and little son returned to her home in Portland, Monday. Her sister, Rena, accompanied her for a visit.

Of seven funerals attended by Mr. Curtis since the year began, five of the persons deceased averaged more than eighty-two years.

Prof. W. R. Chapman started for Calais, Wednesday morning and will go to New York next week where he will conduct at four concerts.

Mrs. Millie Clark, who has been spending the winter with relatives in Harrison, is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Chapman, superintendent of the Junior League, assisted by Miss Hazel Arno, entertained the children of the League. Games were played and a nice supper served them.

Kenneth Wight, nephew of Dr. I. H. Wight, was operated on Thursday for appendicitis at the home of Dr. Wight. Dr. Williamson of Portland performed the operation. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wight of Milan, N. H., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight last week. Mr. Wight returned Monday, but Mrs. Wight will remain awhile with her son, Kenneth.

Mr. F. S. Chandler spent his eighty-sixth birthday quietly and pleasantly at his home, Feb. 11, and was remembered with kind messages and flowers from his children, grandchildren and friends. Miss Belle Purlington was his guest at tea.

The Loyal Workers of the Methodist church held a valentine party at the church vestry, last Wednesday evening, and enjoyed the following program: Original poem, Mrs. John Anderson; vocal solo, "The Oxy Trail," Miss Jessie Brown; reading, "The Story of St. Valentine," Miss Iona Tibbitts. A pastime, in which four young men and two young ladies participated, entitled, "How Miss Bethel Will Enter-Jains," was much enjoyed. The sale of home-made candy and candy recipe books added to the proceeds.

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Miss Mildred Morgan is visiting relatives in Norway.

Mr. Herman Mason was in South Paris last Friday.

Mrs. Frank Kendall was in South Paris, Wednesday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Curtis, Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid will hold a food sale at the vestry, Friday afternoon.

Mr. H. M. Swift of Locke's Mills was a business visitor in town, Saturday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and Mrs. F. E. Purlington were in Portland one day last week.

Rev. W. C. Curtis attended the funeral service of Mrs. Fredland Bennett last Sunday.

Mr. Gilbert Rich, who has been visiting friends in town, returned to Ithaca, N. Y., last Friday.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Miss Alice Kimball is quite ill at the Mattapan Hospital in Boston of the grip. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bean and Miss Howe were entertained at dinner last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook.

Mr. Clark Caswell visited friends in Bethel village last week upon his return from Portsmouth, N. H., where he has spent several months.

Theodore Gallant and Peralis Alice Robinson, both of Greenwood, called at Rev. J. H. Little's, Saturday evening, and were united in marriage, the ring service being used.

There was a special service in the Universalist church last Sunday morning in memory of President Lincoln. The two leading points of the sermon were: First, Lincoln's firm faith in the overruling Providence of God; Second, Lincoln's broad vision of the future of the Nation.

HANOVER.

Chester Howe saved wood with his gasoline engine for S. P. Davis, Saturday.

H. A. Staples was in Rumford, Saturday, on business.

Gladys and Earl Davis are recovering from their recent illness. Earl is able to attend school again.

Martha Bartlett and son went to Bethel, Saturday, with their auto.

Lus Holt and wife of Andover were guests of M. A. Holt and wife one day last week.

L. A. Roberts was in Bethel, Monday.

Albert Skillings spent Sunday at L. A. Roberts'.

Mr. A. Holt and family entertained five tables at progressive whist, Saturday evening. First prizes were won by Mrs. L. A. Roberts and Lawia Powers, consolation prizes by Lillian Holt and L. A. Roberts. Refreshments were served and a social hour was spent. All vote our whist parties a perfect success.

WEST GREENWOOD. Mr. and Mrs. Will Deardon have been quite ill of the grip.

Grace Deardon, who has been at home with the grip, returned to school last week.

Mr. Ned Ray had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow, Saturday night.

Mrs. John Kennaugh spent last week at Bethel, caring for her sister, Mrs. Boyce, who was ill with the grip.

Mr. Martin was in town, Sunday to attend meeting.

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Mr. W. A. Bragg, our Grand Union Tea man, is able to drive his cart again. He was in this place, Thursday, on his regular trip to Upton.

Gladys Hurlbert went to Bethel one day last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight entertained a few tables at whist, Saturday evening. Refreshments of apples and fudge were served.

Mrs. M. A. Kilgore visited relatives at Middle Intervale, Bethel, Thursday.

Mrs. Kilgore has received news from her cousins, who are in the war. One has been wounded and is in a hospital in France; the other five are still in the trenches, and report the weather very cold and severe.

Miss Thelma Kilgore went to Bethel the first of the week with her pony to visit her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Carter, Jr., returning home Thursday with her mother.

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Can You Make Wholesome Bread?

Anna Barrows In The Farmers' Wife.

Probably we depend less upon than our ancestors did. Certain appear to be using a greater of cereal preparations and vegetables and more sugar to supply our daily food.

The increasing use of gas in wood and coal, and the smallness, due to the increasing cost of foot of space, have had a great effect in putting bread-making city homes. Country women are asking themselves whether the continue to make bread at home the large city bakeries are their products in the small village all directions.

Perhaps the most reasonable both city and country housekeeper to make part of the bread at the rest. Instead of making supply every other day or even a week, several loaves of yeast might be made once each week properly cared for this will be condition for at least three days after that would be suitable for long or steaming.

Then we may use baker's bread quick biscuit and muffins for the days of the week.

The relative cost of the bread at home or bought outside should carefully reckoned, as the result not be identical in all cases. The cost of fuel, the size of the family, other points must be considered.

Not enough to estimate the cost of actual weighing of all ingredients and of the finished product without charge for labor or home made bread often costs as much as a good grade made outside.

Whenever it is desirable to make a loaf of bread at one time, the mixers are very helpful; two or three quarts of liquid and three times much flour may be handled as easily as a quart or less without the mixer. But a careful proportion of flour to liquid must be made, we trust to our eyes the mixture likely to be made too stiff. The chine does its work so thoroughly the mass appears more moist than when made by hand, and flour is added than is needed.

One cupful of liquid and three cups of flour will make a loaf of desirable size that will baked in an hour or a little less. same quantity of dough may be rolled into a dozen very large or two on small rolls.

The liquid may be milk or water or a combination. This is a plan use milk from which the cream has been taken for other purposes.

Shortening is often used to excite bread. Dough made with whole and well risen will not be unduly over the dough after it is shaped put into the pans, prevents the while rising and makes a tender Some housekeepers have a fancy others choose another but any fat out pronounced flavor may be used.

Only moderate quantities of salt should be used. For fancy rolls, a larger proportion of sugar and fat is used and the procedure is thereby somewhat retarded.

The fat, sugar and salt should be in the pan and melted and dissolved by the warm liquid. It is a waste of energy to rub fat into flour for a since a warm liquid is to be used.

When this liquid has cooled a little, the yeast is to be added. Probably lots of dough have been spoiled because the yeast was cooked by being it into hot liquid.

It would be interesting to know many housekeepers still make yeast probably not one in ten even in country. The compressed yeast

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Perhaps the most reasonable plan for both city and country housekeepers is to make part of the bread and buy the rest. Instead of making a fresh supply every other day or even twice a week, several loaves of yeast bread might be made once each week. If properly cared for this will be in good condition for at least three days and after that would be suitable for toasting or steaming.

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Shortening is often used to excess in bread. Dough made with whole milk and well risen will not be unduly tough. A thin coating of melted fat, brushed over the dough after it is shaped and put into the pans, prevents drying while rising and makes a tender crust. Some housekeepers have a fancy for one kind of fat in bread and rolls and others choose another but any fat without pronounced flavor may be used.

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wrapped in tinfoil may be found in most country grocery stores and often is sent by mail from the large town to the isolated housekeeper.

The dry yeast cakes also are favorites in some places. To use these, it is generally best to make a cupful of paste of scalded flour or grated potato and to this, when slightly cooled, add a crumbled yeast cake or portion of one. In a few hours this becomes a foaming liquid yeast ready to be used in mixing the dough.

The spring wheat flours are preferred for yeast dough. Palatable bread may be made from winter wheat flour but about one-fourth more will be needed to secure the desired consistency to handle easily.

Entire or whole wheat bread may be made in the same general way. Often half white and half entire wheat flour combined is preferred to either alone.

Suppose we are to make bread for a medium-sized family for several days:

In the bread-mixer or bowl are placed two teaspoonfuls salt, two tablespoonfuls sugar and two ounces of fat. Over this is poured a quart of hot milk and as soon as the fat is melted a quart of water, which may be cold to bring the milk down to the temperature for immediate mixing.

If the bread is to rise overnight, a single compressed yeast cake will serve; but if desired to shorten the process, two or even four may be used. The yeast should first be blended with a little water that it may mix smoothly with the dough.

For the two quarts of prepared liquid, six quarts or more of flour should be added. When all dry flour has disappeared and the dough draws away from the pan in a firm mass, it is stiff enough to handle and may be kneaded a little before rising, or left in the mixer.

The time for rising depends on the proportion of yeast and the temperature at which the dough is kept. A uniform temperature of about 75 degrees F. is safe.

When ready to shape in loaves, the mass of dough should have doubled in bulk.

One quarter of this dough may be shaped into three dozen rolls and if the outside is well brushed with fat as they are shaped, they will be rich enough.

The remainder representing six cupfuls of liquid would make six medium loaves. Or we may prefer to have but four large loaves.

One quarter of the dough may be rolled out till about one-half inch thick, spread with one-fourth cupful soft fat and sprinkled with one-half cupful of sugar in which one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon is mixed and from one-half to one whole cupful of currants or chopped raisins. Then roll up the dough closely, jelly-cake fashion, cut and put in loaf pans to rise and bake like the rest. Or it may be cut in slices to be laid flat on the pan, forming what Miss Parloa once called pin-wheels and bakers list as snails. These may be made from a baking powder dough also. Nuts may be used with or in place of the fruit.

Either the yeast or the baking powder dough may be used with different fruits for the steamed roll-poly pudding.

A good cheese biscuit to eat with soup or salad is made by rolling out the dough, spreading with grated cheese and seasoning, then rolling and cutting in thin sections.

All raised doughs, after shaping, should again be allowed to double in size before baking.

A portion of risen dough may be set away in a covered bowl in the refrigerator and rolls baked from it another day. If conditions are right, it will be possible to keep it more than one day.

For breakfast or luncheon some of

the dough may be cut in sections like a small roll, be fried in deep fat and served hot with maple syrup or a fruit syrup in place of waffles or griddle cakes.

To reheat rolls for a second meal, they may be steamed over hot roaster or put in a covered pan in the oven or merely wrapped in paper—or put in paper bag. The heating process should be short or they will become too dry.

The cutting of the loaf bread on a board at the table is an old-fashioned thing that has merit since it saves an excess of cut slices which dry and break and are unfit to put on the table a second time.

Good bread deserves good care. In a stone jar, it will keep in good condition several days. The jar should be sealed before a new lot of bread is put in.

All broken bread should be saved—but the uses of such pieces is a whole story in itself.

EAST SUMMER.

There are many sick ones with the prevailing epidemic.

Mrs. Edith Thomas is caring for Mrs. Rebecca Russell, who is in poor health. Arabius Thibbets was a guest of Helen Tucker, recently.

Agnes Heald from Canton was in town, Saturday, and attended Union Grange. State Lecturer C. O. Purlinton was the speaker. There was a good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bonney, Mr. and Mrs. James Heald, Roger Eastman and Charlotte Cobb served a bountiful dinner to all.

Several from the churches here attended the Sabbath School Convention at Canton.

C. A. Bonney has sold ten of his fine Holstein cattle to a gentleman in Massachusetts. He went with them, Wednesday, returning Friday.

Many are having their wood sawed with gasoline engines.

Misses Mattie and Lena Russell spent the week end in Lewiston.

William Benson is at work for L. H. Poland.

W. B. Bradeen has taken Philip Tucker's place on the section. Mr. Tucker is working in New Haven, Conn.

Eather Eastman is home from Gorham Normal School.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harlow have been in Temple, the guests of his daughter.

SUNDAY RIVER.

The Selectmen met at H. M. Kendall's the last of the week, making up the town reports.

Moses Davis is boarding at Harry Tolman's.

Dan Smith was in this place fixing the telephone line, Monday.

Everybody was glad to see Mr. Bragg on his cart again, Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Bacon is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. L. Foster, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey were in Shelburne, N. H., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Demeritt were in Bethel, Monday.

S. N. and A. G. Littlehale were in this place one day, recently.

Another little boy has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, born Feb. 14. Mrs. Reynolds is staying at Mrs. Abbott's in Bethel.

Harold Spinney is on the sick list. Frank Chapman is better at this writing and went to work Tuesday morning. Will Spinney is at home from Roxbury.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bryant visited with relatives in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mrs. E. L. Tebbets of Auburn is visiting her son, Charles, and family.

King Bartlett returned home from the hospital, Saturday. His family, who have been staying with relatives in Leeds, came home with him.

Mrs. D. S. York of Bethel has been at Mrs. C. R. Bartlett's, helping care for Mr. Bartlett.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Chas. Farrington, Wednesday.

Mrs. Clara Brown returned from Berlin, N. H., Saturday, where she has been visiting her son and family for several weeks.

GILEAD.

Myrtle Parker of Shelburne, N. H., is assisting Mrs. Larry Lozier with her housework.

Mrs. Florence Bryant returned home from Norway last Friday after spending several days there visiting relatives. Ned Biledean and family have moved into Mrs. Lela Lary's rent.

Parker Prices was in town, recently.

CANTON

W. E. Marston and family of Andover have been guests of Mrs. Helen A. Eastman of Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Gilbert spent the week end with their daughters, Lila and Hazel Gilbert, of Lewiston.

Henry T. Tirrell has been a guest of his brother, George Tirrell, of Locke's Mills.

Miss Alice H. Nulty has been visiting her parents at Buckfield.

Wallace Hines has returned home from the hospital and is recovering nicely from his recent surgical operation.

Mrs. G. F. Towle has returned from a visit with relatives in No. Turnor.

Miss Adelaide Whitman of Lewiston has been a guest of Mrs. Evie B. York and family.

Mrs. O. M. Richardson has been visiting in Lewiston and Auburn.

The Universalists will present an entertainment at the church, Feb. 23.

No meeting of the Lucky Friday Club will be held until March 3, when "Glenwood Farm" will be the place of meeting.

Miss Helen Dailey spent the week end at North Livermore at her home.

The Sunday School Convention met at the Canton United Baptist Church, Wednesday, with a large attendance.

Among the speakers were: Rev. P. F. Poshay, John E. Stephens, John Arter; Rev. C. H. B. Seliger, Rev. Ivan Thom, Geo. Walters, Rev. M. O. Baltzer, Rev. G. B. Cornish and Leslie J. Weir.

A bounteous dinner was served in the G. A. R. Hall.

"The Village Schoolma'am" was presented to a packed house at the Canton Opera House, Thursday evening. All parts were finely taken and a large sum was netted. A dance followed with music by the Ensemble orchestra. Ice cream and cake were on sale during the evening.

The Ladies' Aid will serve a supper at the G. A. R. Hall, Feb. 17th.

Miss Marguerite Hollis has been to Orono, where she was a guest at an enjoyable house party.

Mrs. Inna Steison and children of Sumner have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dodge, and family.

The annual old folks dance will be held at Canton Point, Feb. 18, with music by the Ensemble orchestra of Canton.

Mrs. E. T. Chamberlain has received word of the death of her uncle, Nelson B. Mann, who passed away at Tegus. He was born in Mexico and was over 80 years old. He was a Civil War veteran.

H. Frank Richardson was at home from Bliss Business College, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Nickerson has been visiting at North Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Lucas returned Sunday from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. L. Newman, and family of Auburn.

The Universalist Circle was pleasantly entertained Thursday by Mrs. Lillie Bicknell. The next meeting will be at the vestry, Feb. 24, when an invitation is extended to the members of the Canton Point Circle.

Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, and vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Winifred Staples Smith of Dixfield. Among those from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stevens and daughter, Beryl, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson and Miss Mary Colton, all of Lewiston, and Mrs. John H. Merrill and Mrs. G. R. Hunsell of Auburn.

The interment was at Pine Woods Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellie Sampson and Mrs. Ray K. Morrow are ill of the grip.

Mrs. Isaac Lothrop of Canton passed away at her home, Sunday night about midnight, at the age of 67 years. Mrs. Lothrop had been in failing health for a number of years.

She was born in Livermore, the daughter of Phineas S. Gibbs and Mary C. Gibbs. During her early life she made her home at No. Livermore. Years ago she married Isaac G. Lothrop of Canton and they resided on the old Lothrop homestead. She is survived by her husband and son, Herbert Gibbs of Livermore Falls, and two step-daughters, Mrs. Alton A. Russell of Poland and Mrs. Ernest Hinkley of North Livermore. She was a charter member of the Reading Club of North Livermore and of the Baptist church at that place. Before her health failed she was an earnest worker in the church and club. She was a most estimable woman and had a large circle of friends.

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BETHEL MEN'S CLUB.

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they come to early manhood and womanhood they flit away to some other place, for what is there here, after all, to encourage them to stay? We cannot blame them for youth is naturally ambitious and builds castles in the air and then tries to put foundations under them.

We are like the woman of old "Mourning for our children and weeping because they are not." Our chief asset has gone to some more ambitious place where there is a demand for young blood and by the exuberance of youth they push to the front and we have only the memory of what might have been if some inducement to hold their youthful vision, ere they had flown away.

This generation after generation have gone from our community and only a few remain to fill in the places of those who go forth on that long journey from which none return. We might as well be honest with ourselves and ask whose fault is it that the population of Bethel is less today than 20 years ago?

In 1840-1,399
In 1850-2,253, an increase of 953 in 10 years, or 43 per cent.
In 1860-2,623, an increase of 370 in 10 years, or 16 1/2 per cent.
In 1870-2,256, decrease of 367 in 10 years, or 15 1/2 per cent.
In 1880-2,977, decrease of 721 in 10 years, or 32 per cent.
In 1890-2,209, an increase of 68 in 10 years, or 3 1/2 per cent.
In 1900-1,335, decrease of 874 in 10 years, or 39 per cent.
In 1910-1,933, an increase of 598 in 10 years, or 45 per cent.

Some tell us that the excess of mental over the physical activity is the cause of the desertion of the farm and the rural town. That the tendency has been to discourage the old fashioned manual labor, and to encourage the young to have their brains earn them a living.

We believe that this is right in a way, but has it not been over done? Have we made our young men believe that it was more honorable to be a clerk in a store than it was to hold the handles of the plow.

Have we asserted time and again that farm life was drudgery, and that to handle the pick and shovel was a disgrace?

Have we been pessimistic and allowed that times were growing harder and harder and that it was a misfortune not to have money?

Have we insinuated that it was not just as honorable to wield the blacksmith's hammer as it was to be a book-keeper or to be on the staff of a daily paper?

Have we held before them the idea that every boy was in line for the presidency, and that it was his duty to attain the same?

Have we led our girls to believe that it was nicer to handle silks and laces behind the counter than it was to make a nice loaf of bread?

Have we ever been heard to say that our town offered no opportunities for smart girls?

Did we ever remark that it was old fashioned to rear families and mind the home?

You cannot keep a young man in good health and reasonably ambitious satisfied with three meals a day and clothes to wear, and nothing more.

There is something besides the mere necessities required for the living of a full life. What have we to offer to our young to keep them with us?

We cannot keep them all, some will go as some will come, but is there not some way, some means, whereby we can, at least keep the lion's share of our

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Chief Asset, our young men and our young women!

It is no discredit for one to labor with his hands.

Our hills have been covered with valuable woods and there is still much remaining, but only a small portion of it is manufactured here. The crudest and least skilled labor can fell the trees and saw them into logs, to be floated by stream or shipped by cars to other towns for manufacture requiring more skilled labor. Why cannot we have the mills to do this work, and man them from our young manhood? There is no better locality for a saw and blind, door, sash, mouldings, and the hundred and one things which are made from pine lumber, and we have the raw material right at our elbow, so to speak.

Then we have quantities of cheaper timber which now goes as pulp and requires but very little labor to ship it as such, when if we but would make it into boxes, no doubt, would require at least the employment of ten times as many men and a higher class of labor than is required to ship it as pulp.

Then furthermore the money which is necessary for the manufacture into the finished product would be left here instead of in some other town.

And last but not least there would be an inducement for our young people to remain as one of our important and as I also claim our Chief Asset.

A man who has money to invest does not like to be told how to invest it, it is not my purpose to do so; but I do wish that some of our men of capital would see their way clear to do something in the manufacturing line here at home whereby it would be of mutual advantage to themselves and to our community.

Manufacturing does not necessarily call a class which is not desirable.

We pride ourselves upon being in a town where nearly all are native born and many look askance at the idea of our town becoming a manufacturing place for fear of an avalanche of foreign labor. I do not have any such fear, for in a town like ours a business should be established that required intelligent men, and really intelligent men are not usually a menace to society, whether they are native or foreign born.

There are so many things which might encourage our young people to remain with us that it would be impossible to mention them in one paper unless it was of undue length that I leave many of them for your imagination, but I will say here that new methods of farming, improved stock, the humble hen, and as you have been told before in an excellent paper, we are in the great fruit belt, where the finest apples of the world can be produced and we know there is never enough of the best of anything. The great fruit associations of the West have shown how by careful grading and true labeling, fruit can be produced at a good profit, where there was none before.

But let I bore you too much with that which some may choose to call impossibilities. I will draw this rambling talk to a close, humbly hoping that some seed of good may fall on good ground and produce a hundred fold.

It Isn't Your Town—It's You.

If you want to live in the kind of a town

That's the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike.

You'll find elsewhere what you left behind, And for there's nothing that's really new, It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town.

It isn't your town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid Least somebody else gets ahead; When everyone works and nobody shirks

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A CIVIC CONSCIENCE.

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portant formative years of their lives, should not have as fair a chance as the children of Albany, or Hanover, or Greenwood, or Woodstock.

We have felt the stirring of a civic conscience. The Germans have it. And it has made them all but invincible. The latest word from them is: "We shall win, because we are not afraid of being poor. We know how to be poor." And they do. Always they have lived simple hard-working lives and looked to the glory of the State. But France and England have learned too, through the fierce ordeal of flame and fire, how to be poor for their country's sake. Centuries ago in Greece there rose the most glorious temples the world has ever seen. All the citizens of Athens, rich as poor, dwelt in plain, unadorned houses.

We shall not see the ideal community in which every child has a fair chance, till men and women are ready to sacrifice a measure of their ease, and their wealth for the public good, until a civic conscience has been awakened.

When we have an awakened civic conscience we shall not have ugly, uncomfortable, unsanitary schoolhouses, nor poorly trained, poorly paid teachers, and poorly taught children.

We shall have comfortable and attractive school buildings; ample school grounds, with plenty of space for play; supervised play; some provisions for school gardens; schoolhouses equipped with libraries and maps; some good pictures; the school building a social center, used under the leadership of superintendent and teachers to promote all the educational interests of the community.

These are not Utopian visions. Merely some of the essentials which the State Superintendent enumerated as the factors of a good school system. He says there is no reason why they may not be realized in all communities as they already have been in some.

To accomplish it is the work of superintendent and educated teachers sustained by public spirited citizens. Superintendent Smith closes his circular on Rural School Betterment with the words, "Will You Help?"

Worms Sap Children's Health

Mothers often wonder why their children are not rugged and hardy. In a vast number of cases the trouble is—Worms. Signs of worms are: Derranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional griping and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, etc.

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BOYS' SWEET CORN CLUBS.

J. P. Mitchell, State Leader.

Jerry Moore, a fifteen-year-old South Carolina boy, following Corn Club instructions, raised 228 bushels of dent corn on one acre of land.

At Harlakenden, New Hampshire, Young Hoyt Quimby harvested 124 bushels of flint corn from one acre.

These are record yields and show what American boys can do when they try.

A plan for Boys' Sweet Corn Clubs in Maine has been worked out by the State Leader of Boys' Agricultural Clubs, and the Maine Canners' Association has offered \$2,525 for prizes to the boys in the State growing sweet corn for their canneries. Here is a chance for Maine boys to earn some money and to make a record yield for their State.

All a boy needs to start with is a quarter of an acre of land, three dollars to buy seed and fertilizer, and plenty of stick-to-it-iveness.

The Maine Canners' Association will furnish seed at regular prices and will buy all the corn the boys can raise. The seed can be procured from the nearest factory belonging to this Association. Write to the factory in time to procure seed on or before April first.

RULES.

1. Any boy (or girl) between ten and eighteen years living in the vicinity of any of the canneries and agreeing to grow one-quarter acre of sweet corn according to directions may join a club.

2. He must test the seed before planting, and must cultivate the crop according to the directions given him by the State Leader of Boys' Clubs.

3. He must keep an accurate record of costs and receipts on blanks furnished by the State Leader.

4. At the end of the season he must write a story of at least 300 words on the subject, "How I Raised my Crop."

5. He must make an exhibit of ten

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cars of corn at the Sweet Corn Club Contest held in Portland in December, and must submit at least two weeks previous to that time his financial record and his story.

PRIZES.

The money for the prizes has already been placed in the hands of the State Leader of Boys' Agricultural Clubs and will be awarded on the following basis of points: Profit, 30; yield, 30; story, 20; exhibit, 20.

The sweet corn growing sections of the State will be divided into eleven groups. The announcement of this grouping will be made later.

Two hundred dollars will be awarded in each group as follows: First prize, \$15.00; second prize, \$13.00; third prize, \$12.00; fourth prize, \$10.00; fifth prize, \$8.00; sixth prize, \$8.00; seventh prize, \$7.00; eighth prize, \$6.00; ninth prize, \$5.00; tenth prize, \$4.00; thirty-five prizes, \$3.00; one prize, \$2.00; four prizes, \$1.00.

Three hundred and twenty-five dollars will be awarded in the State Contest in 1916 in the form of scholarships to the College of Agriculture, University of Maine. This amount will be divided as follows: First prize, \$100.00 scholarship; second prize, \$75.00 scholarship; third prize, \$50.00 scholarship; fourth prize, \$50.00 scholarship; fifth prize, \$50.00 scholarship.

These scholarships are to be held in trust by the University of Maine. In the event that the winner of any scholarship should go to some other institution, or should fail to use this scholarship before his twenty-first birthday, the money will revert to the donors.

THE BIG CONTEST.

A contest, at which the exhibits will be judged and the records and stories read, will be held in Portland sometime in December, 1916. Every boy who has carried through his club project according to rules will be invited to attend this contest and will be entertained free of charge during his stay in Portland. Reduced fares to and from the contest will be offered by Maine railroads.

STARTING A CLUB.

If there has been no movement to form a club in your town, perhaps you can organize one yourself. Tell everybody you know about the Sweet Corn Club plan. Ask the boys you know between ten and eighteen years old if they will join. If there is a Grange in your town find out whether it has a Committee on Agricultural Extension Work; if it has, it is one of the duties of that Committee to further the organization of Agricultural Clubs, and they will help you to start a Sweet Corn Club. If there is no Grange or no Grange Committee, try to think of the men in your town who are interested in farming and in boys. Talk to these men and see if you can persuade three of them to form a local committee to help organize a Sweet Corn Club and carry it through the season.

When you have stirred up some enthusiasm in the community, it is the duty of the Grange Committee or the local committee to find some man who will promise to act as local leader of the club. Perhaps the superintendent of schools, the principal of the High School, or a farmer prominent in Grange work will be willing to do this.

As soon as some one is found to act as local leader, and six boys have promised to join the club, write to the State Leader of Boys' Clubs, Extension Division, University of Maine, Orono, for enrollment cards. All you will need to do is to follow all instructions received during the season.

If no local leader can be found and if fewer than six boys want to join, write to the State Leader for enrollment cards and join the General Club, which is organized for boys who live in communities where it seems impossible to organize a local club. The General Club is directly in charge of the State Leader and he will send you all the instructions which the local clubs get and will try to have some one visit your plot and help you with expert advice whenever you need it.

If your country has a County Extension Representative, he will do everything he possibly can in helping you to organize a club, in visiting and advising you about your crop, or in any club matters in which you need help. If you do not know who your County Extension Representative is, write to the Extension Division, University of Maine, and ask.

If you want to know more about the Sweet Corn Clubs, write to the State Leader of Boys' Agricultural Clubs, Orono, Maine.

RAISING BABY CHICKS RE-
QUIRES PRECAUTIONS.

Feeding and care are necessary if you would be successful in raising those you hatch.

By G. E. Conkey.

The subject of baby chick raising is one that should command the most careful consideration and study of every poultryman. It is the foundation of poultry success, for without strong healthy chicks that have been started right in life, the poultryman cannot expect to have the right kind of laying birds.

Indifferent care, the presence of lice or mites, chilling, poor feeding, overcrowding and filth will soon bring on disease or cause the growing chick to become stunted. Ground lost at this time can never be recovered.

First Feeding.

Granting that baby chicks have been well hatched, the question of feeding then comes up. Much depends upon the intelligent handling of this problem.

After hatching, the chicks should be disturbed as little as possible. Give them a good rest to gain strength, either under the old fowl or in the incubator or darkened brooder. Don't give any food whatsoever for the first 48 hours, as the last process of hatching is the absorption of the yolk of the egg. This provides plenty of food for the chick for the first 48 hours and the addition of any food would seriously interfere with the workings of the digestive organs; a few hours before feeding, give them some fine grit to pick at and a drink of water with the chill taken off.

Don't Give Baby Chicks Heavy Grain.

For the first food, it is very advisable to secure a prepared baby chick food. This should be a starting food and not a heavy grain. The advisability of these prepared starting foods is that they contain the necessary food elements that quickly build bone, flesh and feathers. Some also contain ingredients that help the delicate digestive organs of the baby chicks and so help to keep off the chick diseases that usually are fatal.

Oatmeal, rolled oats, cracked grain mixtures, Johnny-cake, bread crumbs, hard boiled eggs, and grain mash are used in various ways in feeding the baby chick. Whatever the feed used, be very careful about feeding too much. If a mash is fed, moisten it only slightly. Five or six feeds a day are about right for the first two weeks. Never allow moist feed to lie about. Feed it in a clean way. After the first few days, a little finely cracked grain can be sprinkled on the floor as this makes them work for a living.

A little animal food aids in the rapid growth of the chick. Milk in its various forms is excellent for them. Sour milk and buttermilk are very good, but these are not needed if starting food with dry buttermilk in it is used. When feeding milk, do not switch from the sweet to the sour as this will cause digestive troubles.

See That Food Is Wholesome. Carefully examine all feed to see that it is free from mould or must, or the beef scrap from taint. Never feed anything that is in any way spoiled. Carelessness about the feed may result in much damage in a very short time.

Wheat bran (dry) is often used to a very good advantage. Chicks may have access to this at all times of the day and it will not interfere with the regular feeding.

Keep Chicks Bright.

Have them always on edge for their feed by not giving too much. Brighten them up occasionally by feeding something tempting that will induce additional exercise. A slight change of ration occasionally will be appreciated. Feed at regular hours and give the first meal of the day as early as possible. Keep fresh water, chick-grit, chick-size charcoal and dry bone in front of the youngsters. Keep the water in a cool container and the feeds mentioned in a hopper.

Plenty of Exercise Good.

When the chicks cannot have a generous range, care should be taken that they be kept on the move and have plenty of exercise. This is just as important for young chicks as for the old or birds. Don't allow the baby chicks to run with the old fowls. It is advisable to separate the different batches if they are of different age. Furnish plenty of shade in hot weather.

Swat the Lice.

Don't overlook the lice. These parasites are one of the greatest obstacles

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to raising chicks and will kill the bird if not fought at every turn. Don't lose the little chicks you hatch just because the lice are thick. Study the methods of these insects for it will repay you many times over. Also don't overlook the head lice that bore into the head of the baby chicks, sucking away their vitality and causing death in a very short time.

White Diarrhea Dangerous.

White diarrhea is also a dreaded chick disease and at the first symptom of it, prompt treatment should be given the affected chicks and preventive measures taken with the rest, as this disease frequently sweeps off the entire hatch, when not properly fought.

In the next article on the raising of little chicks, we will give several feeding rations that have been used very successfully.

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder for painful, smarting, tender nervous feet. It takes the sting out of corns and bunions. Over 100,000 packages are being used by the German and Allied troops at the front. Sold everywhere, 25c.

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Your anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; but all it empties today of its strength.

RUMFORD

Miss Cornelia Crosby of Philadelphia well known writer of sporting under the name of Fly Rod, the guest of Rev. Father Barry.

At the last meeting of the and Mexico Medical Club held in Rumford, it was voted that now on, the doctor's offices were upon on Tuesday evenings, meeting of the Club, to be held April, will be Ladies' Night in Rumford.

James McGovern of New York or first baseman on the Oxford this town, has signed up with York Yankees, and will leave of this month for Macon, Georgia.

Batista Cowette of Gorham, moving his family from that town.

The triangular speaking contest between the high schools of Mexico and Dixfield, will be held on Friday, Feb. 25th.

A whist party under the auspices of St. Athanasius Church will be held at the Parish School Hall on Feb. 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Dona Vincent, giving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

On and after February 15th the shops will close Tuesday forenoon.

Mr. Robert Kerr and son, of South Paris are visiting in town, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Speer of the Virginia District.

The engagement of Miss Kimball and Mr. Arthur Haney is announced.

Albert Bouchard and wife, giving congratulations upon the birth of an eight pound son.

A. J. Wells has left for Washington, D. C., where he has secured employment with the Potomac Electric Power Company, U. S. R. R. hold their second assembly of on at the hall on the evening of March 22nd. The Pythian Sisters serve refreshments.

Louis LaDuke has left town for N.

RUMFORD

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The triangular speaking contest between the high schools of Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield, will be held in Mexico on Friday, Feb. 25th.

A whilst party under the auspices of St. Athanasius Church will be held at Parochial School Hall on Feb. 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Donna Vincent are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

On and after February 15th all barbers shops will close Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert Kerr and son, Robert of South Paris are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spencer, of the Virginia District.

The engagement of Miss Calotta Kinch and Mr. Arthur Haney has been announced.

Albert Bouchard and wife are receiving congratulations upon the birth of an eight pound son.

A. J. Wells has left for Watertown, N. Y., where he has secure employment. Pettengill Company, U. R. K. P., will hold their second assembly of the season at the hall on the evening of February 22nd. The Pythian Sisters will serve refreshments.

Louis LaDuke has left town for Lincoln, N. H., where he will superintend the Henry Bros. paper mill. Mr. LaDuke has been a machine tender at the International mill here since his return from Paris, France.

Miss Baker, a nurse from the McCarty Hospital here, is taking care of Dr. McCarty's mother in Portland.

Mr. Dana G. York of the Oxford Paper Co., is spending this week in New York on business.

The first annual ball of Rumford Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, will be held at Mechanic's Institute on Easter, Monday night, under the auspices of the Institute. Plans are being made to make this the grandest social event of the season. A fine concert will precede the dancing.

William Danner of Roxbury, Mass., former short stop on the Oxford team, has signed a contract with the Quincy, Ill., 3 I League, for the season.

Mr. L. M. Bickford of New York, president of the Oxford Paper Co., was in town on Friday last, attending to matters connected with the plant. He returned to New York on Saturday.

Philip J. Deering of Portland, chairman of the State Highway Commission, together with chief engineer, Paul D. Sargent, will be the guests of the Rumford Chamber of Commerce on Monday Feb. 21, to discuss matters pertaining to State highways and the maintenance of the trunk road leading from Rumford to Bethel and Gorham, N. H., in particular. It is hoped that some scheme for the better maintenance of this important link in the Interstate road be decided upon. Its importance as a summer tourist route between the Bangor and White Mountain resorts cannot be overestimated by the Commission.

Dr. Mary Faulk returned Friday from an extended stay at her home in Hudson, N. Y.

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and by Leopold Schonauer, High Priest.

Carl Bachewig of Berlin, N. H., at one time a chemist at the Oxford Mill here, has assigned to the Berlin Mills Company of Portland a half interest in an invention by him. A patent was issued Jan. 25, 1916, to Mr. Bachewig, covering the manufacture of a mechanical wool pulp. The idea and method of manufacture are great innovations in the production of pulp.

The Rumford District Nursing Association has decided to have a Tag Day on Feb. 19, or if not a pleasant day, on the following Saturday. Mrs. Theodore Hawley, who made the Tag Day of last year such a success, will be in charge again, assisted by Mrs. Leopold Schonauer and Mrs. Edith Lee Neal. The amount secured will go for the current expenses of the association.

A crew at the International Mill is busy enclosing machinery wherever possible in steel network. The work will cost probably around \$12,000. All the mills of the I. P. Co. are being safeguarded thus from accidents.

April 21 has been decided upon for the Goodwin Debate at Waterville under the auspices of Colby College, in which \$100 is offered in prizes, \$75 being divided equally between the members of the successful team. The prizes are in memory of Iion, Forrest Goodwin of Skowhegan, a prominent alumnus of the college. This is the first year that Rumford High School has taken part in the Goodwin Debate. The subject is a government owned merchant marine. High Schools will uphold the affirmative.

The prize speaking to decide on the contestants to enter the Triangular Contest was held at Stephens High School on Friday evening. The five winning first and second prizes will take part in the latter contest. The High School Orchestra and Chorus furnished music. The speakers were: Rita Grant, Wm. Leader, J. Burton Byron, Albin Melanson, Eliza Wheten, Milton LaCourse, Rosie Willett, Dorothy Wheel, Ruth Ostrum and Arthur Henry. The judges were: John Stephens, A. E. Stearns, Rev. Allen Brown, Mrs. Plumstead and Mrs. Tashay. First prize of \$10 was won by Burton Byron. In the boy's division Arthur Henry took first prize of \$7 and Ruth Ostrum was given the corresponding prize for girls. Second prizes of \$5 went to Rosie Willett and Albin Melanson; third prizes of \$3 to Rita Grant and Milton LaCourse. While waiting the decision of the judges, the prizes were presented to the boys who were successful in the potato growing contest conducted under the rules of the University of Maine Agricultural Extension Work. One-eighth acre of land planted by each lad, who later wrote a composition telling of his methods and the result. The \$25 was divided into three prizes which were secured by Abbott Niles, first; Emilie Carrier, second; and Stanley Peterson, third. The money for the prizes was furnished by the Cosmos Club of Rumford. It is thought that next year the boys will either plant just corn for their gardens, or possibly corn and potatoes both.

Prof. Bennett D. Chasen spoke on the question of "Preparedness" at the Sunday Forum at the Majestic Theatre. Music was furnished by the Majestic Theatre Orchestra, and several reels of pictures were given. The house was packed.

Mrs. Byron Evans is at the McCarty Hospital, where she has had a slight operation performed upon her feet.

Mrs. John Longley of Portland is a guest of relatives in town.

The townspeople of Rumford were much surprised on Tuesday morning to hear of the death of Mr. Charles W. Cox, who dropped dead from heart disease, with no warning whatsoever. Mr. Cox was an old gentleman, eighty-five years of age, and has resided for many years with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Fish, of Strathglass Park. He also has several other sons and daughter who do not

live in Rumford. The funeral will take place on Friday.

The analysis of the public supply of water in Rumford received from the State chemist on Feb. 16, was as follows:—Analysis of the winter sample of water from your public supply sent to me on the 7th inst. shows this water to be in good condition to use for all domestic purposes at the present. There is no evidence of contact of the water with sewage wastes, or with polluted surface wash. It would be considered to be in normal condition for the season of the year, and to be a first-class water to use for all domestic purposes.

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ANDOVER

Mr. F. P. Thomas was in Boston on business last week.

Rev. Geo. Graham preached at Roxbury, Sunday evening.

Irene Abbott was a guest of Rena Bodwell, Saturday and Sunday.

A. J. Marble from Rumford Point was in town, Saturday.

Mrs. Dorothy Baker has returned from a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Olive Dresser returned Saturday from a visit with friends in Lawrence and vicinity.

Y. A. Thurston has been at home this week from his camp at Abascoos.

The Young Peoples' Whist Club met Thursday evening, Feb. 10, in the Hook and Ladder Hall. Eight tables were in use. The first prizes were won by Ethel McAllister and Arthur Lang; the second by Mrs. Lang and Waldo Merrill. Dainty refreshments were served.

Bimsley Akers, who has been in the C. M. G. Hospital at Lewiston for treatment of rheumatism, returned to Andover, Saturday, and is staying with his sister, Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. and Mrs. Eben Hutchins visited Lewis Hutchins and wife at Rumford, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

William G. Cushman has been drawn as jurymen to serve for the March term of the Supreme Judicial Court at South Paris.

The Selectmen were in session the first of the week, making the town reports.

Mrs. John Caldwell, who has been very ill at Dr. McCarty's Hospital at Rumford, has returned home.

The King's Daughters met this week, Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. E. E. Leslie.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist met Friday evening of last week. Mrs. Helton Abbott and C. A. Rand won the first prizes, and Mrs. Clayton Sweet and J. A. Dunning the second. Refreshments of sandwiches, assorted cake, doughnuts and coffee were served by the following committee: Mrs. and Mrs. Clayton Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Ada Merrill, C. T. Poor.

Parties in the village have been harvesting some good ice this week.

Edward J. Pratt, Jr., is working at Black Brook.

Chester Swent is working for Ray Thurston at Abascoos.

The 10th annual K. of O. P. ball will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, in the town hall. Music by Smith's Orchestra. Floor managers: O. T. Poor, Arthur Lang. Aides: I. E. Mills, A. L. Lang.

David Rand returned from the Portland Hospital last week. His eye is very painful yet.

There were no services at the Congregational Church, Sunday evening.

Sadie Little is working at Glencliff. J. B. Littlehale is hauling wood to the village.

Mrs. Herbert Campbell visited friends at Upton, Thursday, Feb. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Manser are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Feb. 3rd.

Rev. Geo. Graham attended the anniversary of the Baptist Church at Rumford, Monday evening, Feb. 7.

The drama, "Red Acre Farm," given by the Universalist Society, Saturday evening in the town hall before a large audience was a success. Following is the cast of characters:

Victor Akers, Lawrence Parsons, Harry Harcourt, Ira Bodwell, Ned Baker, Jess Elliott, Amanda Armstrong, Myrtle Learned, Nellie Armstrong, Rena Learned, Laura Armstrong, Lizzie Holly, Mrs. Barnaby Strat, Lois Harris.

"Junior," (Adopted Daughter), Vivian Learned.

The many friends of Henry H. Porter are pleased to hear of his nomination again for Mayor of Auburn. Mr. Porter was a former resident of Andover.

The Senior Class of the high school are rehearsing a drama to be given Feb. 25.

Mrs. Roger Thurston and baby were guests Tuesday of her mother, Mrs. Geo. Thomas.

Bert Dunn is in very poor health. Tuesday morning the thermometer registered 24 below zero.

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VERMONT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Montpelier, Vermont.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate,	\$50,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$5,637.43
Agents' Balances,	\$20,338.54
Bills Receivable,	1,295.05
Gross Assets,	\$77,271.02

Admitted Assets,	\$335,481.04
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$20,857.45
Unearned Premiums,	\$5,781.14
All other Liabilities,	\$5,166.10
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$223,476.29

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$335,481.04
17-51.-P.	

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INS. CO.,
Newark, New Jersey.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Mortgage Loans,	\$400,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$10,518.79
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$5,628.52
Agents' Balances,	\$115,233.81
Bills Receivable,	1,150.00
Interest and Rents,	10,538.42
All other Assets,	296.87
Gross Assets,	\$543,105.41

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$5,143.77
Unearned Premiums,	\$74,908.51
All other Liabilities,	\$5,490.50
Cash Capital,	\$400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$263,051.63

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$543,105.41
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POEMS WORTH READING**THE MAINE REASON.**

He led his class at Oxford, yet was minus a degree.
He never heard of Cicero or plane geometry.
He'd traveled oft and early, all his life was wont to roam,
Despite the fact he'd never stayed a week away from home.
He'd tobogganed in Palmyra, tried the ice in Mexico;
Deemed Paris disappointingly provincial and slow.
While Ohm, on the other hand, he found could set a pace
That gave it reputation as a hustling little place.
Although his jaunt through Norway proved an interesting one,
He never saw the famous fjords nor viewed the midnight sun;
And while from Dover to Calais he'd often made the trip,
He'd neither suffered mal de mer nor been aboard a ship.
He'd visit in Denmark, but he never saw a Dane—
For, truth to tell, he never stepped outside the State of Maine.

GOOD-BY.

Walking today on the terrace,
I heard a stranger say
To a friend who was standing by him,
"Do you know I am going away?"
I had never seen their faces,
May never see them again;
Yet the words the stranger uttered
Filled me with nameless pain.
For I knew some heart would miss him,
Would ache at his going away;
And all the world would seem cheerless
For many and many a day.
No matter how light my spirit,
No matter how glad my heart,
If I hear those two words spoken,
The tear drops always start.

They are always so sad and solemn,
So full of a lonely sound;
Like dead leaves rustling downward,
And dropping on the ground.
Ah! I pity the naked branches,
When the skies are dull and gray;
And the last leaf whispers softly,
"Good-by, I am going away."

In the dreary, dripping Autumn,
On the wings of the flying birds,
As they soar far away to the southland,
Seem always to say those words.
Whoever they may be spoken,
They fall with a tear and a sigh;
And heartache follows the sentence,
"I am going away, good-by."

"GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE."
When George Washington was young
and full of energy,
He took his little hatchet and chopped
down a cherry tree;
His father grew quite angry, this sorry
sight to see,
For he was very fond, indeed, of that
same cherry tree.

And so he questioned George: "Who
did this thing?" said he.
"I cannot tell a lie," said George, "I
chopped down the cherry tree."
His father then wept tears of joy at
such brave honesty.
And said, "Thy truth is worth far
more than one small cherry tree."

But when his father went away, George
seized the ax with glee,
And hacked away till he had felled
another cherry tree.
His father then returned in haste, took
George upon his knee,
And said, "I'll teach you to destroy
that pretty cherry tree."

"Don't speak!" cried George, "I'll
tell the truth, for still I'll honest
be;
'Twas I, dear father, took the ax and
chopped the cherry tree."

"O, hal!" said Mr. Washington, "un-
less I punish thee,
Thy truth will cost me the loss of
every cherry tree."

'Twas full a week before poor George
sat down with any ease.
His father sold the hatchet and saved
the cherry tree.

THE BRAYST BATTLE.
By Joaquin Miller.
The bravest battle that ever was
fought!

Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find
it not.

'Twas fought by the mothers of men.
Nay, not with cannon or battle axes,
With a sword or noble pen;
Nay, not with eloquent words or thought
From mouths of wonderful men!

That day in a walled-up woman's

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heart—
Of a woman that would not yield,
But bravely, silently bore her part—
So, there is that battle-field!

No marshalling troops, no bivouac
songs,
No banner to gleam and wave;
But oh! these battles, they last so long
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled-up town—
Fights on and on in the endless wars,
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise!
I tell you the kindest victories
fought
Were fought in those silent ways.

O spotless woman in a world of shame,
With splendid and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came—
The kindest warrior born!

THERE'S A MOTHER ALWAYS WAITING YOU AT HOME, SWEET HOME.
"So you're going to leave the old
home, Jim; today you're going
away.
You're going among the city folk to
dwell."
So spoke a dear old mother to her boy
one Summer's day.

"If your mind's made up that way,
I wish you well.
The old home will be lonely; we will
miss you when you're gone;
The birds won't sing as sweet when
you're not nigh;

But if you are in trouble, Jim, just
write and let us know."
She spoke these words, and then she
said goodby.

Ten years later to the village came a
stranger no one knew;
His step was halt, and ragged clothes
he wore;
The little children laughed at him as
down the lane he walked.

At last he stopped before a cottage
door;
He gently knocked. No sound he heard.
He thought, "Can she be dead?"
But soon he hears a voice, well
known to him.

'Twas mother's voice; her hair was
silvered by the touch of time.
She said, "Thank God, they've sent
us back our Jim."

Most women seem to be good because
they are different from men.
Although a fool and his money may
be easily separated they are hard to
find!

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BRYANT'S POND.

The Whitman school closed Feb. 11.
Della Green, Verna Whitman and Mary
Whitman did not miss a day for the
term, while Harris Hathaway missed
only one day. In the boys' whittling
class, key tags and match scratchers
have been made. The girls finished
making their sewing bags. So far this
year the following books have been
added to the school library: Larsson's
Elementary, Lloyd and Whittling;
Mary J. Lincoln's School Kitchen Text-
book, School Credit for Home Work
System; Songs in Season and a book
on paper folding and cutting. Friday
P. M., the pupils gave the following
program.

Song, "The Bird's Lullaby," School
A Song of Our Flag, Thomas Green
Recitation, Ernest Libby
The Swing, Verna Whitman
Wishes, Three Pupils
Song, "January," School
Our Mother, Mary Whitman
All Things Bright and Beautiful,
Agnes Pike

Let Us Be Like Him, Harris Hathaway
The Boy Who Never Told a Lie,
Matthew Green
Don't Worry, Three Pupils
Speak the Truth, Della Green
Song, "The First Flag," School
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, Lena Pike

Brace Up, Myrtle Libby
Old Winter, Grade V
Song, "Always Me," Agnes Pike
How Pleasant is Saturday Night,
Oona Yates
Grade VII
The Daffodils, Ernest Libby
Song, "My Country," School
What I Know about Lincoln, Ernest Libby

The Boy Washington, Eight Pupils
Song, School
The Mystery, George Libby
Books and People, Two Girls
Sleep, Three Pupils
Songs, "Good Night," "Snow-time," School

A slab was thrown over one of the
saws at the birch mill, Monday morn-
ing, which struck Montrose Wing in
the arm, making a serious wound.

There are two shifts of dispatchers
at the Grand Trunk station now. Mr.
Hess assumed his duties, Sunday night.
Mr. Clyde M. Lowe will also continue
in his position.

John W. Proctor of Lewiston was in
town, Sunday, to attend the funeral of
his uncle, G. N. Felt.

E. H. Cole and family have moved
permanently to Copperville, N. H.,
where he is now foreman on the section.
His house here will be rented.

The Republicans held a caucus here
at the town house, Friday afternoon,
and the following delegates were chosen
to attend the State Convention to be
held at Portland, March 23: Geo. L.
Cushman and G. W. Q. Perham.

Chandler's Orchestra of Lewiston are
to furnish music for the annual March
ball of Mt. Christopher Co., No. 41.

Granville N. Felt, a prominent farmer
of Woodstock, passed away, Friday
afternoon at his home in the central
part of the town, from the effects of a
stroke earlier in the week. He was born
in Woodstock in 1835 and was the last
surviving member of the family of the
late John G. and Ayer Lawrence Felt.

With the exception of a few years
passed in California, Mr. Felt had re-
sided on the homestead farm of his
father, where he was over an industri-
ous, hard working man. In 1896 he
married Miss Clara Whitman, daugh-
ter of Jacob and Polly (Benson) Whit-
man of Woodstock. Three children sur-
vive this marriage, Albert N., who
lives on the home place; Earl, who re-
sides in Auburn, and Mrs. Eliza Davis
of Woodstock. Mr. Felt and his wife,
who survives him, were charter mem-
bers of Franklin Grange. The funeral
was held at the home on Sunday after-
noon and was largely attended. The ser-
vice was attended by Rev. E. H. Stor-
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MAKING GOOD ON THE LAND

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SYNOPSIS

Joe Weston, fourteen years of age, to make a success of his father's farm. He reads the latest books, Mr. Somerville, a merchant to help him.

Joe's father is pessimistic. At book farming and book far-
mer, struck with Joe's
ability and ambition, backs his
competitions.

Passersby on the road linger
Joe operate. The sneers that
evidence at first soon give way
of surprise. Joe is showing it
thing as a farmer.

Joe's father's pessimism
fades away. He watches Joe
as he performs wonders with
his room is an enthusiastic as
conversion pleases Mr. Somerville.

Joe's corn is the wonder of the
side. With money he receives
commission merchant for his
starts a bank account, which he
exhibits to his father.

There is a constant demand for
Joe is raising. In the prize
Joe makes \$25 bushels on an
acre of \$12.50.

It is announced that Joe W.
book farmer, won the first corn
his county. His father says,
proud of Joe.

Joe is overwhelmed with joy
of a telegram that he also has
championship. With the money
of part of the farm's indebted-
ness wins trip to White House.

Joe describes to his mother
his trip to the White House and
with the president. Then he goes
the farm which now is the
entire countryside.

"Hello, yourself!" answers
stopping and sizing him up.
his looks, but thought he was
ably puny in appearance.

"You're Joe Weston, the
corn grower, aren't you?" he
nodded. "I saw your picture
papers, but I thought you were
bigger than you are. I've
met you."

"Much obliged," said Joe.
you?"
"Excuse me for not telling.
Hailston. Father bought the
plantation of Major Dean's (a
road about two miles. We've
here a couple of weeks."

"Where you from?"
"Up north. I'm just over a
typhoid and awfully weak.
mother is not strong, and we
to get away from the hard work
there, so father bought this
and plantation for a winter he
can't stay here all the time, but
come down and hunt and fish, and
he can get off. He's about as
well out working. Owns a big
farm."

"Well, I'm glad you all have
in the neighborhood, and hope
like it. Ever lived in the coun-
try?"

"Never have, but I think
what I have seen of it," said Tom
enthusiasm.

"Come over and see me so
it's easier for you to come to
than for me to go to your house.
got a pony, and I have to hoof
one of the work horses."

"Sure will, and thank you for
me. It's kind of lonely out here,
acquainted. How far you go?
"About a mile, to the school."
"Hop up behind me, and I'll
a lift. This pony rides as
rocking chair rocks. Come on,
extended his hand. Joe placed
in the stirrup and vaulted up
him. The pony was indeed a
By the time they reached the
house the two boys were well
on a friendship. Several of the
the school crowded about
ride up.

"Say, fallers!" called Joe.
Tom Hailston. His folks bought
Dean place and just moved to
been mighty sick with fever, but
strong yet, but he wants to
quainted. When you get a ch-
over and see him."

"With you would," added Tom.
"Some of the gang will be o-
day, sure," announced Hedd-
wood. "Pleased to meet you.
you 'light an' rest your saddle?"
was doing the elegant as host
school.

"No; much obliged. Got to
town and do some errands for
but I'll come over once in a
recess and see you fellows."
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The boys talked him over and
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"fussy" and feeble.

"If you'd been in bed nine
with typhoid you'd look just a
reverted Joe. "An' if I hear
body imposing on him until
wrong enough to take care of
they've got me to whip."

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SYNOPSIS

Joe Weston, fourteen years old, decides to make a success of his father's run-down farm. He reads the latest scientific books, Mr. Somerville, a merchant, agrees to help him.

Joe's father is pessimistic. He sneers at book farming and book farmers. Mr. Somerville, struck with Joe's business ability and ambition, backs him in prize competitions.

Passersby on the road linger to watch Joe operate. The sneers that were in evidence at first soon give way to looks of surprise. Joe is showing them something as a farmer.

Joe's father's pessimism gradually fades away. He watches Joe work. He sees him perform wonders with the soil. He soon is as enthusiastic as Joe. His conversation pleases Mr. Somerville.

Joe's corn is the wonder of the countryside. With money he received from a commission merchant for his product he starts a bank account, which he proudly exhibits to his father.

There is a constant demand for the corn Joe is raising. In the prize competition Joe makes 138 bushels on an acre at a cost of \$12.30.

It is announced that Joe Weston, the book farmer, won the first corn prize for his county. His father says, "Son, I'm powerful proud of ye."

Joe is overwhelmed with joy at receipt of a telegram that he also has won state championship. With the money he pays off part of the family indebtedness. He also wins trip to White House.

Joe describes to his mother and sister his trip to the White House and their talk with the president. Then he goes back to the farm which now is the talk of the entire countryside.

"Hello, yourself!" answered Joe, stopping and sizing him up. Joe liked his looks, but thought he was remarkably puny in appearance.

"You're Joe Weston, the champion corn grower, aren't you?" he said. Joe nodded. "I saw your picture in the papers, but I thought you were a heap bigger than you are. I've wanted to meet you."

"Much obliged," said Joe. "Who are you?"

"Excuse me for not telling. I'm Tom Ralston. Father bought that big old plantation of Major Deane's down the road about two miles. We've only been here a couple of weeks."

"Where you from?"

"Up north. I'm just over a spell of typhoid and awfully weak. Then mother is not strong, and we wanted to get away from the hard winters up there. So father bought this old house and plantation for a winter home. He can't stay here all the time, but he will come down and hunt and fish whenever he can get off. He's about to win himself out working. Owns a big factory."

"Well, I'm glad you all have moved in the neighborhood, and hope you'll like it. Ever lived in the country before?"

"Never have, but I think it's fine, what I have seen of it," said Tom, with enthusiasm.

"Come over and see me some time. It's easier for you to come to see me than for me to go to your house; you've got a pony, and I have to hoof it or ride one of the work horses."

"Sure will, and thank you for asking me. It's kind of lonely until one gets acquainted. How far you going?"

"Dout a mile, to the schoolhouse."

"Hop up behind me, and I'll give you a lift. This pony rides as easy as a rocking chair rocks. Come on!" He extended his hand. Joe placed one foot in the stirrup and vaulted up behind him. The pony was indeed a fine one. By the time they reached the schoolhouse the two boys were well started on a friendship. Several of the boys at the school crowded about as they rode up.

"Say, fellows!" called Joe. "This is Tom Ralston. His folks bought the old Deane place and just moved in. It's been mighty sick with fever an' ain't strong yet, but he wants to get acquainted. When you get a chance go over and see him."

"What you would," added Tom. "Some of the gang will be over Saturday, sure," announced Reddy Hayward. "Pleased to meet you. Won't you light an' rest your saddle?" Reddy was doing the elegant as host for the school.

"No; much obliged. Got to go to town and do some errands for mother, but I'll come over once in awhile at recess and see you fellows. Glad to have met you, and so long!" He waved a farewell, and the pony sped down the road.

The boys talked him over and decided he "would do." Several expressed the opinion that he looked sort of "sassy" and feeble.

"If you'd been in bed nine weeks with typhoid you'd look just as bad," retorted Joe. "An' if I hear of anybody imposing on him until he gets strong enough to take care of himself I've got me to whip. He's a stranger an' a Yankee boy, and the decent thing is for us all to act like gentlemen an' make him welcome to our neighborhood like we'd appreciate his doing it if we moved up in the neck of the woods where he comes from."

"Joe's right!" exclaimed Reddy Hayward. When those two leaders of the school agreed on a matter it was settled in so far as that crowd of boys was concerned.

In two weeks Tom had got strong enough to stand considerable exercise, with the daily horseback rides and the fresh, invigorating air of the country. He was very much possessed with the idea of going on a possum hunt.

"I can fix that all right," assured Joe. "I'll see old Uncle Jeff Johnson—that old darkey who lives up the road; he'll take us. He's got some good possum dogs. I'll tell him to come and see you when the time is right, and we'll go. Old Uncle Rube that works here on this place of yours is a good hunter too."

CHAPTER XII.

On a Possum Hunt.

THE next Saturday Joe rode one of the work horses down to the Ralston place and was explaining to Tom how he could teach Tom to be a good shot, when Uncle Jeff shuffled around the corner of the house.

"Maw'nin', young marsters! Hope I sees you well ter day?" he saluted them, raising his hat. Uncle Jeff prided himself on his manners, as he belonged to one of the prominent families of the county before the war.

"Very well, thank you," answered the boys. "How's your health, Uncle Jeff?"

"Powerful poorly, powerful poorly. I has de rheumatiz an' de dyspepsy, but I'm thankful hit ain't no wuss. Joe, I think of all de ailments I mout have an ain't got. Dat's what I'm thankful fer."

"Hope you will get better soon," assured Tom.

"Thanky, sub, en I hopes yo' enjoys de same blessin'."

"How about the possums," inquired Joe.

"Dat's persackly what I come up by ter see yo' all erbout, Marse Tom. Yo' wuz a-talkin' erbout wantin' ter go possum huntin' en ter tas'e er baked possum wid yam taters swimmin' in de gravy on de side."

"Oh, yes; I'd love to do both."

"Well, now's de time."

"How do you know, Uncle Jeff?"

"Oh, I knows. De moon is in de first quarter, jes' erufft ter give er little light en not erufft ter throw er shadow. Er possum is er powerful cowardly varmint, en he won't feed on er bright moonlight night. His own shadders skeers 'im. An' den hit's sarter nippin' en frosty, en er possum ain't fitten ter eat jes' en he be dressed en put on top of er shingle roof ter do fros' ter soak in 'im all de night."

"Oh, that's foolishness! Why won't a refrigerator do as well? The object is to get the animal heat out of the carcass," answered Tom.

"Mout be foolish, but I started dis ax yer one quesuchun. Who wants dis yer business er eatin' possums—niggers, whut 'pens on de fros', or w'ite folks, whut has dese hyar freezers—huh?"

"I don't know," admitted Tom sheepishly.

"In co'se you dunno. Hit wuz de niggers, en dat's de way de niggers fixes possums. Can't nobody but er nigger cook er possum jes' right nother? I'd as soon eat er davg ez er possum cooked by any ope else en onless de fros' has soaked in 'im."

Joe had been an amused listener.

"That's a fact, Tom, about nobody but a darkey knowing how to cook possums just exactly right. Why, Colonel Almsworth, who lived down the river from here, got to speculating in cotton and made a whole lot of money. He under-look to put on a great deal of style then—had his house fixed over and sent to New Orleans and got a French chef, and the first entertainment was a big possum supper to a lot of his cronies from New Orleans. You just ought to hear the colonel talk about it."

"That Frenchman didn't know how to cook possums, and he brought them in roasted and swimming in cream gravy with a lot of chopped vegetables all over 'em, in a something or other. The colonel called him to the dining room and asked him about it. Then the colonel got so mad at his dinner being ruined he grabbed a big fat possum by the hind legs from the dish and slammed the chef over the head with it and ran him down the front steps trying to hit him again."

"The colonel said he agreed to pay that chef a hundred dollars a month, but any cook who couldn't fix a possum right wasn't worth two bits a year. He sent the chef back on the next boat and sent for Aunt Venus, Uncle Jeff's wife, and she cooked the possums next day."

Uncle Jeff stood chuckling.

"I wuz dar. Yo' Joe's oughter seed dat Frenchy bounce down dem steps. He wuz fat, an' de colonel he wuz fat too, a-makin' a lick at 'im wid every jump wid dat possum all smeared over wid cream gravy! He wuz de maddest w'ite man I ever seed. De gents ain't quit learn twell yet, I reckon. Hit shore wuz funny!"

"All right, have your way about the front. Uncle Jeff," conceded Tom.

"Only I want to help catch a possum and eat it if it is cooked right."

"Now dat's de way ter talk. Yo' leave de huntin' for me en Unk Rube, an' de cookin' for M's Venus, en all we axes yo' boys is ter furnish de appetites all right," assured Joe.

"Well, right after supper yo' all put on yo' ole clothes, en me en Rube'll git de davg en de res' of de fixin'."

Joe stayed to supper, and about half past 7 Uncle Jeff divided his horn as he came up the front drive, accompanied by four yelping dogs. Uncle Rube came from the rear of the house carrying in one hand a light, sharp ax and a lantern in the other. Slung across his back and that of Uncle Jeff were bundles of very rich, fat, pine cut in

splints about the size of a finger and about four feet long. Each carried an empty sack wrapped about the cord that held the pine splints.

"What are those pine sticks for?" inquired Tom.

"Torches," answered Joe, who was an old hand at the game. "Take four or five of these long splints, hold them together in your hand and light the other end and it makes the best sort of a light—harder the wind blows the brighter it gets."

"What we better go, Unk Rube?" inquired Uncle Jeff.

"I spec we stand a better chance over in dat big ole field by de creek. Dey's some simonones lef on de trees yit down dar. I come thoo dar yesterday and seed whar possums been feedin'. Den dey's plenty black haws down in de bottoms en chinks harries en red haws too. Dey's plenty er feed, en I bote we gits er possum er so."

"All right, lead on, I'll be going somebore," said Joe, with impetuosity. Uncle Jeff sounded his horn. The dogs leaped joyfully with frantic yelps and sprang ahead.

The party cut through the stable lot, down through the lower pasture and up the long slope of the hill where the old field lay on the other side. They walked single file into the mysterious night. Rube with the lantern leading, then the boys, and Uncle Jeff bringing up the rear. As they reached the crest of the hill they stood still a few moments while the dogs ranged in front of them. Directly one of the dogs broke into cry, joined by the others shortly.

"Un, huh! Hear dat? Done struck er trail erready!" exclaimed Uncle Jeff in triumph.

"Hot trail, too," observed Uncle Rube. "Well git dat ole possum in er mighty few minutes."

The dogs were making the silent woods ring with their musical notes as the two men whooped encouragement. The trail led directly down the long slope and into the sweet gum flats near the creek.

"Makin' fer de swamp," said Uncle Jeff. There was a pause in the trailing cry of the dogs, and the long drawn out notes gave place to short, excited yelps.

"Treed, by granny—treed a'ready! Come on!" called Rube, striking a trot in the direction of the dogs and yelling encouragement to them so they would not desert the quarry and take up another trail.

Dancing about the base of a tall, slim, sweet gum tree were the four dogs, jumping up with forefoot on the trunk and baying in a frenzy of excitement.

"Dar he—dar he!" cried Jeff in joy, peering up in the darkness. "Way up in de top. See 'im?"

Tom could merely see an indistinct blur against the starlight through the bare branches.

"I guess so. I see something!"

"Climb or cut?" inquired Uncle Rube, unslinging his bundle of splinters and making two torches, which he lit and gave the boys to hold. As the fat pine splinters and dard light disclosed two pin points of green light shining from the dark object.

"Oh, yes, doggone yer! Grinnin' at us, is yer? Think we ain't gvin' git yer, does yer? Think yer too sharp for us, huh? Gimme dat ax, Jeff. I'll have dat tree down 'fore yo' e'd git ter de fust limb climbin'!"

Uncle Rube swung the ax, and in two ticks it bit out an immense chip from the tree trunk. Two more ticks brought another, then another.

"Hillo dem davg, now, Jeff. We don't want no chawed up possum. Dis tree is trimmin' now; two more ticks 'll bring hit down!" cautioned Rube. Jeff slipped the twine through the collar of the four dogs. They were wild with excitement for they knew what was coming.

"Look out, fellows; tree's a-fallin'!" sang Uncle Rube, and with a crash the tall stem fell. Almost at the same time Jeff was near where the top struck the ground, scuffling with the dogs, who had got tangled with his legs, and he was trying to keep his balance and handle the lantern at the same time.

"Turn dem davg, loose—turn 'em loose, Jeff! My Lawd! ha' mussy, of we ain't let dat ole possum git erway. Turn 'em loose quick, befo' he c'n git far off!"

"Well, ain't he er slick un!" commented Jeff as he finally got untangled from the cord holding the dogs, and they plunged excitedly into the brush of the treetop, scuffling and sniffing in confusion. They lost several minutes in that way, then broke into full cry again, trailing up the hill, men and boys following as best they could. It was hardly five minutes after they took the trail the second time, but the party had traveled pell-mell over a quarter of a mile.

"Don't tell me dat ole possum ain't been hunted befo' dis!" painted Rube. "He's a-makin' time like er deer."

The dogs signaled that they had treed again.

"Now we got 'im! I ain't gwine take no no' chances—den davg kin have dey fun en chaw 'im too, if dey wants. I don't suppose fer no possum ter make me run merse' ter death!" announced Uncle Jeff.

"This time the quarry had taken to a tall blackjack about as large around as a man's leg.

"I'll hole de davg, Unk Jeff—hit's a yome ter cut de tree—but I sho's it gwine ter let dem pupples in soon's hit neards de ground."

"All right, so yer don't let 'em loose en let de tree fall on 'em. Dem's vallyble davg."

Tom and Joe stood holding the torches as Uncle Jeff could see to swing the ax. Directly came the preliminary crackling and swaying.

"Ready now!" warned Uncle Jeff as he hit the first lick, and the tree made a pitifully swayed and fell with a thunderous crash. A second before it hit earth Rube turned the dogs loose and

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they were in the treetop almost before it had settled from the rebound.

Men and boys ran forward, holding their lights aloft, and puzzled, too, for there was the liveliest scrap going on in those interlarded branches and twigs they had ever witnessed. The dogs were snarling and yelping and barking and biting. There were squeals and howls and growls, and every minute or so a dog would dash out, snapping a badly torn ear or bawling lustily a bitten nose.

"Why, good gracious, erlive, of dat ain't er gre't big ole coon!" yelled Uncle Rube. "Whoopel! Slick 'im, Spot! Go to 'im, Rattle! Slick 'im, dawg! Slick 'im, boys—whoopel!"

The dogs plunged back to the fray. The coon had about bested them in the thick branches, but on the second attack Br'er Coon made the fatal mistake of trying to get into the open. As he cleared the tree and landed in the grass there was another mixup of flying claws and snapping jaws.

The coon lay flat on his back and fought with all four feet and his teeth. He was holding off the dogs and inflicting more damage on them than they were on him until the dogs got down to team work and would rush him two at a time on different sides. It was as pretty a team play as ever a football game exhibited.

Finally Spot managed to get the coon by the throat, and the last heard of him was a shrill squeal as Spot shut off his breath and proceeded to shake the life out of him.

CHAPTER XIII.

Mr. Ralston Grateful.

BREAKFAST at the Ralston home was over, and Joe Weston, Tom and Mr. Ralston were on the front porch, where Joe was preparing to take his leave.

"Well, we've had a mighty good time, Mr. Ralston, but work time has come. No more frolicking until the crops are laid by," said Joe.

"What's laid by?" inquired Tom, anxious to obtain information from his tutor.

"Laid aside, done with—worked and tended enough—nothing to do except wait for Nature to mature 'em," answered Joe. "That is in late summer. From then until fall there is not much to do except haying or pulling fodder."

"Look here, Joe. Anything I can do to help you?" inquired Mr. Ralston. "You've showed me more fun than I ever had before. Can't I make some return?"

"Not a thing, Mr. Ralston, unless you'll sell me that fertilizer down in the cow lot and stable yard. There's about fifty wagon loads of it, I guess, and I need barnyard stuff mightily."

"What's it worth, Joe?"

"Scraped up and ready to load, I guess it's worth 30 cents a two horse wagon load. It could be better because it's been exposed to the rain and lost lots of strength, but it is better than nothing."

"How are you going to use it?" asked Tom.

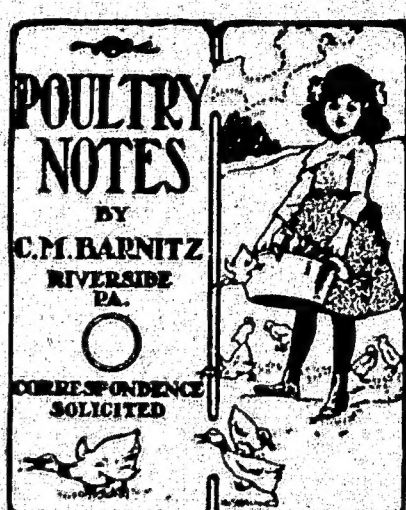
"On those four acres I have been using for prize corn and truck. I'll spread it on the oats, then turn it under."

"Fifty loads isn't much for four acres, Joe," suggested the major, who had come out on the porch and heard the talk.

"It's twelve and a half loads to the acre. That's a heap better than none. I've got about twenty-five loads at home of a compost of rotten leaves and stable scrapings, full strength and saved under shelter. I'll use that too."

"Tell you what," said Mr. Ralston; "that stable and cow lot of mine need a good cleaning, anyway. I don't calculate to do any farming much this year—there isn't enough there to do any material good on my place here. I'll just have the lot boys scrape that stuff in piles, and you can have it if you will haul it off."

To be continued.



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EXHIBITING DRESSED POULTRY AND EGGS.

Until recently no fairs nor poultry shows have encouraged the exhibition of dressed poultry and table eggs, two points where Uncle Sam's shows are far behind England, Ireland, Denmark, France, Belgium and even Canada.

Such exhibits have mostly been shown by students at our agricultural colleges, the fairs and poultry shows mainly encouraging the fancy, being "dedicated to fanciers, who appreciated the beautiful in standard bred fowls—the people whose ideas are not based upon pounds of flesh and dozens of eggs."

But the people who raise these pounds of meat and delicious eggs for

the feeding of the nation are the vast majority, who, while they love beauty, will not sacrifice juicy flesh and fine eggs for fancy feathers. Five point combs and long rooster tails.

This great majority, on which the poultry industry depends, has had little opportunity hitherto to exhibit its practical products in competition, and the utility side has received scant recognition.

However, there is a change. The American Poultry association, after years of urging, is now issuing a utility standard, its standard of perfection for the promotion of the fancy having been issued, with frequent revisions, since 1874.

The shows and fairs are beginning to realize that feathers aren't the whole chicken, and a number are now offering premiums for utility exhibits, the great Allentown fair, Pennsylvania, perhaps the largest fall show in America, taking the lead this year, with an exhibit of over 1,000 fancy eggs and an egg laying competition, in which only farm stock, mixed or pure, was allowed to compete.

The high cost of living is making people more practical and soon utility exhibits will crowd out fancy feathers.

Such exhibits are educative. They set a standard. They mean more and

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